

and others; representing several countries and institutions to back up the local staff such as C. Phengkklai. The quality of the work in general seems competent, though only practical use of the flora in actual identification could provide a real guide. At any rate it is good to see the results of international cooperation embodied in this work. It will be up to the Editorial Board to maintain the rate of progress and to continue to oversee the quality of the work. It is sincerely to be hoped that further parts of the Flora will be issued at fairly short intervals. As Part 3 is dated 1975 it is about time for another part to appear soon. The price is (so far) quite modest. On the whole this is a project well carried out so far, but it is important to (1) include more illustrations, (2) keep up the pace of publication, and (3) begin to tackle some of the bigger, more significant families.

Potential users of this Flora include not only those in Thailand or those interested in Thai plants, but persons in adjacent regions, particularly Malaysia, Burma, Assam, and Indo-China, to whom the Flora will complement the "*Flore Générale de l'Indo-Chine*" (which is now gradually being replaced by the "*Flore du Vietnam, Cambodge, et Laos*"). The Thai Government and the Editors of the Flora are to be commended for a very worthwhile project.

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2. Flore du Cambodge, du Laos et du Viet-Nam. Edited by A. Aubreville and J.-F. Leroy. Paul de Chevalier, Paris. 1975. No. 15. Cucurbitacées by K. Kerauden-Aymonin). Pp. 123, 16 pls.

Dealing with 22 genera comprising 47 species, identification keys to genera and species are provided. Two new combinations are proposed: *Zehneria indica* (Lour.) Kerauden, based on *Melothria indica* Lour; *Z. marginata* (Bl.) Kerauden, based on *Bryonia marginata* Bl. Many species have their distributional ranges in Thailand. The text is well printed, the illustrations are finely executed.

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